

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re U.S. Patent of
Hermann Steffan et al.)
Patent No.: 6,675,631)
Issued: January 13, 2006)
Application No.: 10/018,298)
Title: METHOD FOR CONDUCTING CRASH)
TESTS USING A CARRIAGE AND)
CORRESPONDING DEVICE)

PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP IN PATENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.324

MS Petition
Director of U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

ATTN: Office of Petitions

Sir:

The above-identified patent, U.S. Patent No. 6,675,631 (Steffan et al.), issued on January 13, 2004. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 256 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.324, Petitioner DSD Dr. Steffan Datentechnik Ges. M.b.H., the owner of Steffan et al., requests that the Director issue a certificate naming the actual inventors relative to Steffan et al. More specifically, Petitioner requests that Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghamdi be added as an inventor relative to Steffan et al. and be included on the certificate naming the actual inventors.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.324(b), statements from three categories of persons/entities must be submitted with this petition. Rule 1.324(b)(1) provides that the *added inventor* must submit a statement with the petition stating that the “inventorship error occurred without any deceptive intention on his or her part.” Rule 1.324(b)(2) provides that the *current named inventors* must submit a statement with the petition “either agreeing to the change of inventorship or stating that they have no disagreement in regard to the requested change.” Rule 1.324(b)(3) provides that *all assignees* of the parties submitting a statement under (b)(1) and (b)(2) must submit a statement

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agreeing to the change of inventorship, which statement must comply with 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).

Furthermore, Rule 1.324(b)(4) provides for a fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(b).

The added inventor has provided a statement pursuant to Rule 1.324(b)(1). The added inventor is Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghamdi. The statement of the added inventor is attached hereto at Appendix 1.

Further, each of the current named inventors have provided a statement pursuant to Rule 1.324(b)(2). The current named inventors are Hermann Steffan, Andreas Moser, Manfred Hofinger, Bertram C. Geigl, Erich Mayrhofer, Heinz Hoschopf, Stefan Winkler, and Steiner Kurt. The statements of the current named inventors are attached hereto at Appendix 2.

Yet further, the assignee of each of the parties submitting statements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.324(b)(1) and (b)(2) has provided two statements pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.324(b)(3) and 3.73(b). The assignee of each of the parties is DSD Dr. Steffan Datentechnik Ges. M.b.H. The two statements of the assignee are attached hereto at Appendix 3.

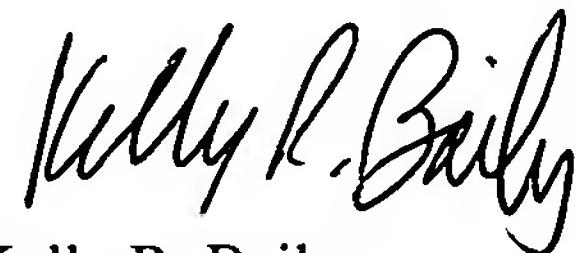
Yet further, Petitioner submits herewith credit card payment form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$130.00 which covers the processing fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(b) for correcting inventorship pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.324.

Accordingly, because of the foregoing, Petitioner submits that Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghamdi should be added as an inventor relative to Steffan et al. and be included on the certificate naming the actual inventors.

In the event Petitioner has overlooked the need for an additional payment of fee, Petitioner hereby authorizes that any additional charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 897-3400.

Respectfully submitted,



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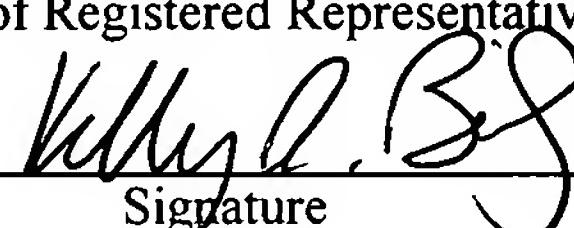
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Kelly R. Bailey, Reg. No. 57,284
Name of Registered Representative


Signature

January 5, 2007
Date



APPENDIX 1



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Issue Date: January 13, 2004)
Appl. No.: 10/018,298)
Filed: December 14, 2001)
Title: METHOD FOR CONDUCTING)
CRASH TESTS USING A CARRIAGE)
AND CORRESPONDING DEVICE)

STATEMENT OF DR. ALI SAEED AL-GHAUDI

I, Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghaundi, being competent to make this statement, state as follows:

1. I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,675,631 B1 on the invention entitled Method for Conducting Crash Tests Using a Carriage and Corresponding Device, as noted in the caption above.
2. The inventorship error of failing to include Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghaundi as an inventor of the patent occurred without any deceptive intention on the part of Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghaundi.
3. I reside in [REDACTED] King Saudi Univ. My post office address is P.O. Box 800, Riyadh 11421, Saudi Arabia.

Signature of Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghaundi

Oct. 25, 2006

Date signed

APPENDIX 2



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STATEMENT OF HERMANN STEFFAN

I, HERMANN STEFFAN being competent to make this statement, state as follows:

1. This statement relates to U.S. Patent No. 6,675,631 B1, as noted in the caption above.
2. I agree to a change of inventorship in the patent. The change adds Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghaamdi as an inventor.
2. ~~I have no disagreement in regard to changing the inventorship of the patent by adding Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghaamdi as an inventor.~~


Signature of HERMANN STEFFAN

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Date signed



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STATEMENT OF ANDREAS MOSER

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~~2. I have no disagreement in regard to changing the inventorship of the patent by adding Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghamdi as an inventor.~~

Andreas Moser
Signature of ANDREAS MOSER

16.10.06
Date signed



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STATEMENT OF ~~HANFRED HOFINGER~~

I, ~~HANFRED HOFINGER~~ being competent to make this statement, state as follows:

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2. ~~I have no disagreement in regard to changing the inventorship of the patent by adding Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghaamdi as an inventor.~~


Signature of ~~HANFRED HOFINGER~~

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STATEMENT OF Bertram C. GEIGL

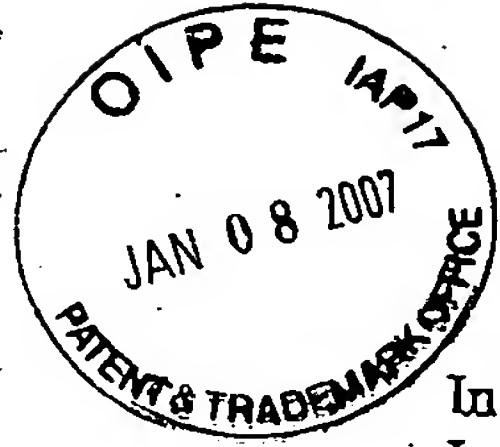
I, Bertram C. GEIGL being competent to make this statement, state as follows:

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2. I have no disagreement in regard to changing the inventorship of the patent by adding Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghaamdi as an inventor.

Dr. Bertram C. GEIGL
Signature of [Name of Current Inventor]

19.10.2006

Date signed



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STATEMENT OF [ERICH MAYRHOFER

I, [ERICH MAYRHOFER being competent to make this statement, state as follows:

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2. I have no disagreement in regard to changing the inventorship of the patent by adding Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghaamdi as an inventor.

Erich Mayrhofer
Signature of [ERICH MAYRHOFER

24.10.2006
Date signed



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STATEMENT OF [NAME OF CURRENT INVENTOR] ~~HENT HOSCHOPF~~

I, ~~HENT HOSCHOPF~~ being competent to make this statement, state as follows:

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Signature of [Name of Current Inventor]

HENT HOSCHOPF

16.10.2006

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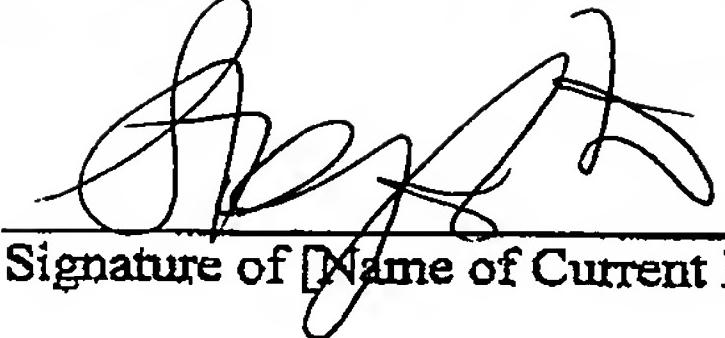
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STATEMENT OF [NAME OF CURRENT INVENTOR] STEPHAN WINKLER

I, [STEPHAN] follows: WINKLER

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Signature of [Name of Current Inventor] STEPHAN WINKLER

20.10.2006

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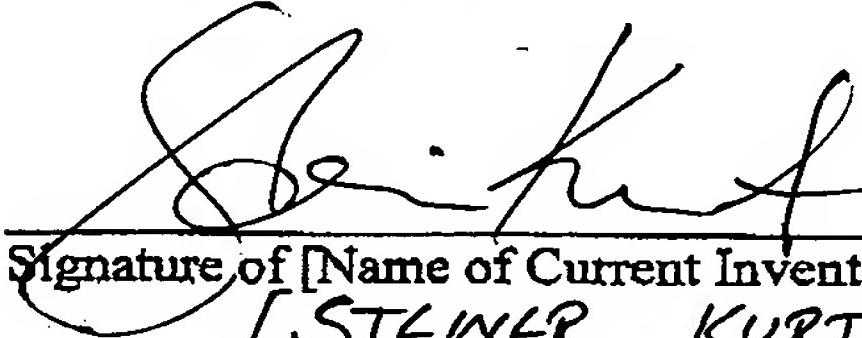
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STATEMENT OF [NAME OF CURRENT INVENTOR]

STEINER KURT

I, [STEINER KURT] being competent to make this statement, state as follows:

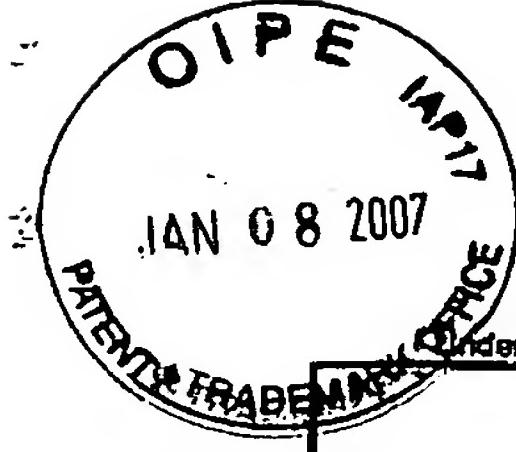
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Signature of [Name of Current Inventor]
[STEINER KURT]

27.10.2006
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APPENDIX 3



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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: DSD Dr. Steffan Datentechnik Ges. M.b.H.Application No./Patent No./Control No.: 6,675,631 B1 Filed/Issue Date: January 13, 2004Entitled: METHOD FOR CONDUCTING CRASH TESTS USING A CARRIAGE AND CORRESPONDING DEVICEDSD Dr. Steffan Datentechnik Ges. M.b.H. Corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee: corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest
(The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is _____ %)

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A. An assignment from the Inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 013174 Frame 0016, or a true copy of the original assignment is attached.

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 Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

As required by 37 CFR 3.73(b)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11.

[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., a true copy of the original assignment document(s)) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, to record the assignment in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Signature

DR HERMANN STEFFAN

Printed or Typed Name

PRESIDENT

Title

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 3.73(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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9. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, State, or local law enforcement agency, if the USPTO becomes aware of a violation or potential violation of law or regulation.



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2. DSD Dr. Steffan Datentechnik Ges. M.b.H. agrees to a change of inventorship in the patent. The change adds Dr. Ali Saeed Al-Ghamdi as an inventor.



Signature of HERMANN STEFFAN

HERMANN STEFFAN
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